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Application of: Kathleen C.M. Campbell
Art Unit: 1614
Serial No.: 09/911,195
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Confirmation No.: 2942
For: THERAPEUTIC USE OF D-METHIONINE
TO REDUCE THE TOXICITY OF NOISE
Examiner: Jerome D. Goldberg

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AMENDMENT A

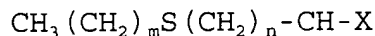
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,
SIR:

In response to the Office action dated January, 17, 2003,
please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please replace claim 1 with the following:~~

1. (amended) A method for preventing or treating ototoxicity
in a patient exposed to noise for a time and at an intensity
sufficient to result in ototoxicity, the method comprising
administering to said patient an effective amount of an
otoprotective agent comprising a compound containing a methionine
or a methionine-like moiety having the structural formula:



Y

wherein m is an integer from 0 to 3; n is an integer from 1
to 3; X = -COOR¹; Y = -NR²R³; R¹ = H or a substituted or
unsubstituted, straight or branched chain alkyl group having 1 to
6 carbon atoms; R² = H or a substituted or unsubstituted,
straight or branched chain acyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms;